



The Crisis of Islam

Why read The Crisis of Islam?

Lewis, one of the world's foremost experts, addresses and sifts through both old and new issues. Seeking a better understanding of Islam, its origins, and current challenges it faces are as important as ever in today's world. It is important for the modern Marine to be aware at stake for both the Muslim religion and non-Muslims.

Themes to Consider While Reading:

- As young officers, passing on banal catch phrases and platitudes will not suffice in leading our generation of service men and women. The young warriors of today are more educated and significantly more aware than they have ever been before. This book does a great job in educating leaders with the issues we are currently facing in our fight against terrorism.
- The theme resonating throughout *The Crisis of Islam* depicts both a historical and modern view of how the Muslim people feel oppressed, humiliated, and wronged by not only Westerners, but also those who claim to be of their own religion.
- Attempting to understand how a society that does not separate church and state functions can be perplexing; the author depicts through the use of history objective views that allow the reader to develop a clearer picture of the inner workings of Islam.

Chapter 1: Defining Islam

Although Christianity, Judaism, and Islam are considered closely related and appear as variants of the same religious tradition, how does Islam contrast to the Christianity and Judaism? How does this contrast affect Islam and its relation to these religions?

Chapter 2: The House of War

One of the basic obligations of a Muslim is jihad (struggle). What historical significance does the word hold? How has its interpretation evolved into our current times?

Chapter 3: From Crusaders to Imperialists

The United States is currently seen as the most imperialist nation. Why?





Chapter 4: Discovering America

How is the American way of life described as a threat to Islam? How do fundamentalists capitalize on these so-called “transgressions”?

Chapter 5: Satan and the Soviets

How has the relationship between the United States and Israel strengthened the Muslim nations’ views of the United States?

Chapter 6: Double Standards

How does democratic ideology clash with that of Islamic ideology?

Chapter 7: A Failure of Modernity

Many Muslims attribute their poverty levels and poor education to failure of adapting to modernity. Other Muslims argue that attempts at modernity are the causes of their problems. Is it possible for Islam to thrive as their people are deprived from our current technological capabilities?

Chapter 8: The Marriage of Saudi Power and Wahhabi Teaching

What characteristics allow religious fundamentalist ideologies to be propagated so easily in Islamic regions?

Chapter 9: The Rise of Terrorism

Terrorism is nothing new, however the method used to terrorize has drastically changed. How will terrorists’ tactics involving the killing of innocent bystanders affect the terrorists’ cause in the long run?

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